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- (1) European Patent No. 0 773 395, entitled OPERATION LEVER WITH PROTECTED BOLT FOR A..., By Moison, published May 14, 1997. This patent is in German however an English abstract is attached hereto.
- (2) German Patent No. 43 36 008, By Catanzano et al., published April 28, 1994. This patent is in German however an English abstract is attached hereto.

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